

Photochemical Syntheses of Apogalanthamine Analogs as α -Adrenergic Blocking Agents¹⁾

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The apogalanthamine analogs, 10,11-methylenedioxy- and 10,11-dimethoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrodibenz[*c,e*]azocines (**1** and **2**, respectively) as α -adrenergic blocking agents were synthesized by photolysis of N-benzyl-2-iodo-4,5-methylenedioxy- and N-benzyl-2-iodo-4,5-dimethoxy- β -phenethylamine (**20** and **21**, respectively). 2,3-Methylenedioxy-, and 2,3-dimethoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrodibenz[*c,e*]azocine (**9** and **10**, respectively) were obtained similarly from N-(2-iodo-4,5-methylenedioxybenzyl)- and N-(4,5-dimethoxy-2-iodobenzyl)- β -phenethylamine (**18** and **19**, respectively). The yields of **9** and **10** from the iodo-amines (**18** and **19**) having an iodine atom in the benzyl group were found to be better than those of **1** and **2** from iodides **20** and **21** respectively having a halogen atom in the phenethyl group.

Keywords—apogalanthamine analog; α -adrenergic blocking agent; tetrahydrodibenz[*c,e*]azocine; photochemical synthesis; N-benzyl- β -phenethylamine; iodination; photolysis

In the previous paper we reported the chemical syntheses³⁾ of the apogalanthamine analogs, 10,11-methylenedioxy-, 10,11-dimethoxy-, and 11,12-dimethoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrodibenz[*c,e*]azocine (**1**, **2**, and **3**, respectively), and their N-substituted derivatives (**4**, **5**, **6**, **7**, and **8**), having α -adrenergic blocking activities on rat aorta strips,^{4,5)} and the syntheses³⁾ of the related compounds, 2,3-methylenedioxy-, 2,3-dimethoxy-, and 11-methoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrodibenz[*c,e*]azocine (**9**, **10**, and **11**, respectively).

This paper reports the photochemical syntheses of apogalanthamine analogs **1** and **2** having pharmacological activities and of the related compounds **9** and **10**.

Recently, Jeffs, *et al.*⁶⁾ synthesized dibenzazocines (**12**—**14**) by photolysis of the corresponding N-(2-halogenobenzyl)- β -phenethylamines (**15**—**17**) which had a halogen atom in the benzyl group. This paper described photolysis of similar iodo-amines, such as N-(2-iodo-4,5-methylenedioxybenzyl)- and N-(2-iodo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)- β -phenethylamine (**18** and **19**, respectively) and of other iodo-amines having an iodine atom in the phenethyl group, such as N-benzyl-2-iodo-4,5-methylenedioxy- and N-benzyl-2-iodo-4,5-dimethoxy- β -phenethylamine (**20** and **21**, respectively).

Syntheses of N-Benzyl- β -phenethylamine Derivatives (**18**—**21** and **35**)

Compounds **18** and **19** were prepared by sodium borohydride (SBH) reduction of the Schiff's bases of β -phenethylamine (**22**) with 6-iodopiperonal (**23**) and 6-iodoveratraldehyde (**24**), respectively, as shown in Table I.

Compounds **20** and **21** were obtained similarly by SBH reduction of the Schiff's bases of benzaldehyde (**25**) with 2-iodo-4,5-methylenedioxy- and 4,5-dimethoxy-2-iodo- β -phenethyl-

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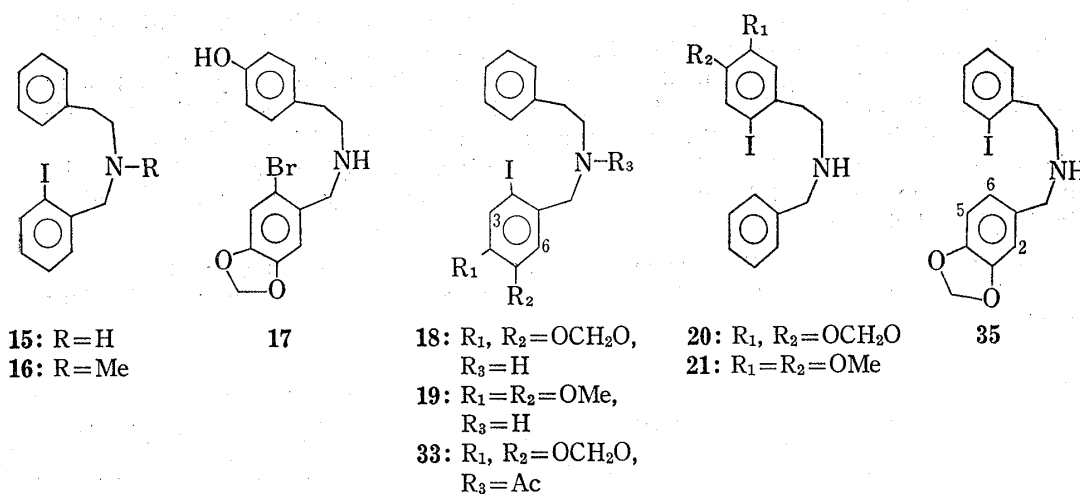
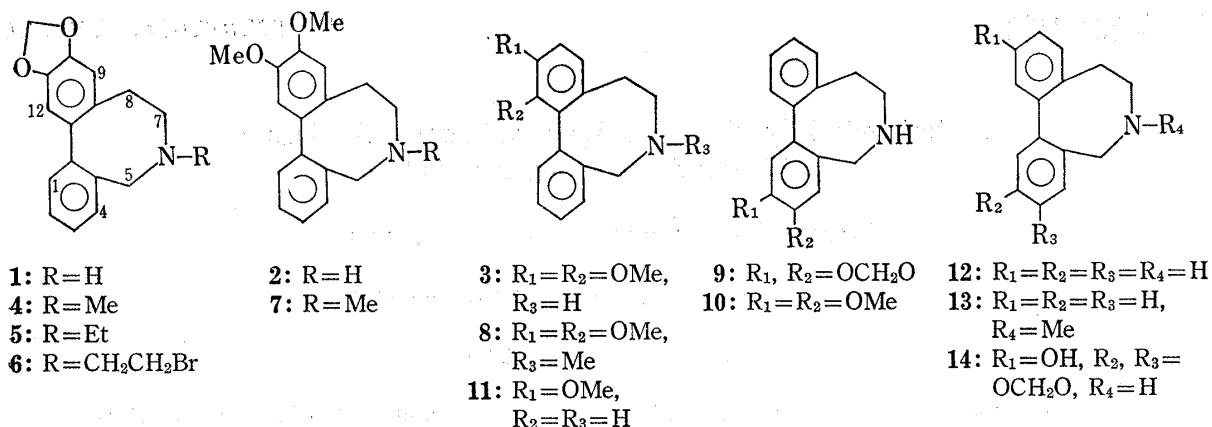


Chart 1

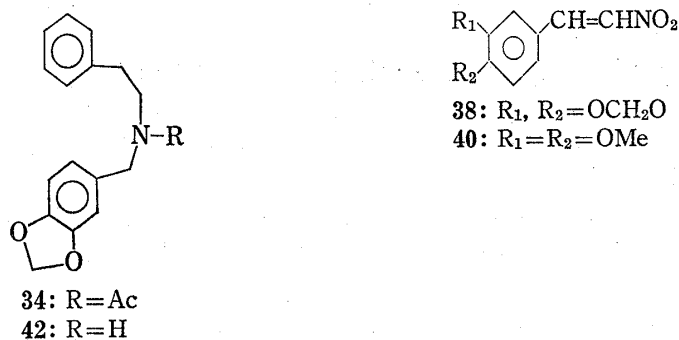
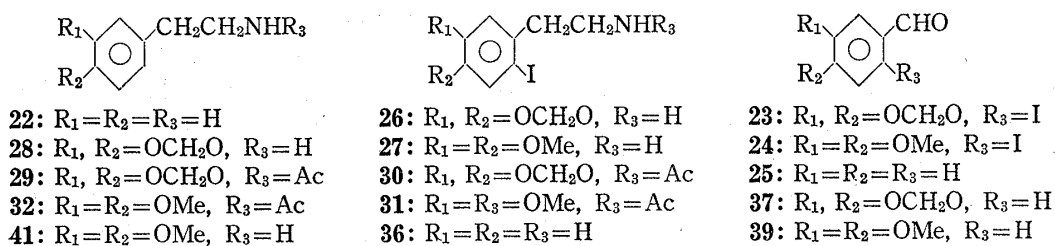


Chart 2

amine (26 and 27, respectively). Kallianpur and Merchant⁷⁾ prepared 2-iodo-4,5-methylenedioxytoluene by iodination of 3,4-methylenedioxytoluene in ethanol with iodine in the presence

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TABLE I. Syntheses of N-Benzyl- β -phenethylamine Derivatives (18—21 and 35)

Formation of Schiff's base ^{a)}			Reduction ^{b)}			Product as hydrochloride mg(% ^{c)})
Aldehyde (g)	Amine (mg)	Reaction time (hr)	NaBH ₄ (mg)	EtOH:CHCl ₃ (3:2)(ml)	Reaction time (hr)	
23 ^{d)} (0.30)	22 (125)	3.5	43	5	7.5	18 157(36.4)
24 ^{e)} (0.50)	22 (200)	4.5	66	8	10.5	19 602(84.1)
25 (4.20)	26 (761)	10.5	1670	60	19	20 846(77.5)
25 (3.15)	27 (524)	9	853	40	8	21 304(41.1)
37 (0.15)	36 (200)	4	45	5	5.5	35 242(71.6)

a) Reaction at 110°.

b) Reaction at room temperature.

c) Yield from the amine.

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Starting material (mg)	I ₂ (g)	HgO (g)	DMSO (ml)	Reaction time (hr)	Product mg (%)
29 59	0.368	0.295	7	9	30 77(81.2)
32 404	2.266	1.851	10	6	31 433(68.5)
34 796	3.400	2.900	10	25	33 463(40.9)

a) Reaction at room temperature.

of mercuric oxide. However, attempts to iodinate 3,4-methylenedioxy- β -phenethylamine (28) and its amide (29) by this method were unsuccessful. However, the amide (29) was found to give the iodide (30) in 81.2% yield when dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) was used instead of ethanol as solvent in the reaction (see Table II). The iodide (31) was similarly obtained in 68.5% yield from the amide (32). The hydrolyses of 30 and 31 with methanolic hydrochloric acid gave 26 and 27, respectively.

By this iodination method the amide (33) was also obtained in 40.9% yield from the

TABLE III. NMR Spectra of the Free Bases of N-Benzyl- β -phenethylamine Derivatives (18—21 and 35)

Compd.	Aromatic H				OCH ₃ or OCH ₂ O				ArCH ₂ N-	ArCH ₂ CH ₂ N	NH
	In phenethyl group		In benzyl group		In phenethyl group		In benzyl group				
	C-3	C-6	C-3	C-6	C-4	C-5	C-4	C-5			
18							5.91 (s)	3.72 (m)	2.86 (m)	1.72 (m)	
19			7.17 (s)	6.87 (s)			3.83 (s)	3.83 (s)	3.74 (m)	2.87 (m)	1.89 (s)
20	7.17 (s)	6.18 (s)				5.89 (s)			3.89 (m)	2.84 (m)	1.58 (s)
21		6.73 (s)			3.84 (s)	3.84 (s)			3.84 (m)	2.90 (m)	2.12 (s)
35 ^{a)}			6.71 (d, J=3 Hz) (C-2)	6.75 (d, J=8 Hz) (C-5)			5.88 (s) (C-3 and C-4)	3.72 (m)	2.88 (m)	1.52 (s)	

a) The numbering of this compound is different from those of the other compounds.

amide (34) (see Table II). Hydrolysis of 33 similarly gave 18.

Compound 35 was also prepared from 2-iodo- β -phenethylamine (36) and piperonal (37) as shown in Table I.

The structures of these amines (18—21 and 35) were established by the nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectral data on their free bases and by elementary analysis of their hydrochlorides (see Tables III and IV).

TABLE IV. Hydrochlorides of N-Benzyl- β -phenethylamine Derivatives (18—21 and 35)

Hydrochloride	Appearance (Recrystn. solvent)	mp (°C)	Formula	Analysis (%)					
				Calcd.			Found		
				C	H	N	C	H	N
18	Needles (Methanol)	209—213	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ INO ₂ ·HCl	46.01	4.10	3.35	45.83	4.04	3.06
19	Needles (Methanol)	214—217	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ INO ₂ ·HCl	47.07	4.88	3.23	47.06	4.91	3.23
20	Needles (Acetone)	105—108	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ INO ₂ ·HCl·1/2H ₂ O	45.03	4.25	3.28	44.77	4.51	3.08
21	Cubes (Acetone)	173—175	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ INO ₂ ·HCl	47.07	4.88	3.23	47.20	5.08	2.93
35	Cubes (Acetone-methanol)	178—180	C ₁₆ H ₁₆ INO ₂ ·HCl	46.01	4.10	3.35	46.02	4.14	3.12

Photochemical Cyclization of N-Benzyl- β -phenethylamine Derivatives (18—21)

Irradiation of the hydrochloride of 19 in aqueous solution gave the cyclization product (10) (20.7% yield) as an oil. The NMR spectrum of the cyclization product (10) showed the C-5 methylene proton signals (δ 3.86 and 3.10) as a pair of AB-type doublets, which are the characteristic signals³⁾ of these dibenzazocines (see Table V). Furthermore, the oily material (10) was crystallized as its neutral styphnate, mp 221—224° (dec.), which was found to be identical with an authentic sample³⁾ of the styphnate by direct comparison.

The other dibenzazocines 1, 2, and 9 were obtained similarly by photochemical cyclization of 20, 21, and 18, respectively, as shown in Table VI and were identified by direct comparison with authentic samples³⁾ of these dibenzazocines.

From these results, the yields of dibenzazocines 9 and 10 from the iodides (18 and 19, respectively) having an iodine atom in the benzyl group were found to be better than those of dibenzazocines 1 and 2 from the iodides (20 and 21, respectively) having an iodine atom

TABLE V. Chemical Shifts^{a)} of the free Bases of Dibenzazocines (1, 2, 9, and 10) (in CDCl₃, δ)

Compd.	Aromatic H				C-5 H ₂ ^{b)}	OCH ₂ O or OCH ₃				NH
	C-1	C-4	C-9	C-12		C-2	C-3	C-10	C-11	
1			6.69	6.75	3.92(d) 3.21(d)			5.98		1.88
2			6.75	6.80	3.97(d) 3.25(d)			3.96	3.90	1.27
9	6.76	6.79			3.77(d) 3.04(d)	5.95				1.80
10	6.81	6.83			3.86(d) 3.10(d)	3.87	3.92			1.98

a) Signals are for singlets except for those combined with parentheses.

b) Signals are for AB-type doublets having a coupling constant of 14 Hz.

TABLE VI. Photolysis of Hydrochlorides of N-Benzyl- β -phenethylamine Derivatives (18—21)

Hydrochloride of, (mg)	H ₂ O (ml)	Reaction time (hr)	Dibenzazocine mg (%)	mp (°C)	Formula	Analysis (%) ^{a)}		
						Calcd. (Found)		
						C	H	N
18 (1056)	210	433	9 53.0 (Oil) (8.3)	220—222 (dec.)	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₂ · 1/2C ₆ H ₃ N ₃ O ₈	60.71	4.43	9.32
			52.1 (Styphnate) ^{b)} (5.5)			(60.38)	(4.39)	(9.05)
19 (327)	60	551	10 42.0 (Oil) (20.7)	221—224 (dec.)	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ NO ₂ · 1/2C ₆ H ₃ N ₃ O ₈ · 1/2H ₂ O	59.92	5.41	8.74
			39.0 (Styphnate) ^{b)} (13.2)			(60.28)	(5.20)	(8.68)
20 (543)	110	217	1 5.8 (Oil) (1.8) 2.6 (Cubes) (0.8)	95—98	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ NO ₂	75.87 (75.57)	5.97 (5.88)	5.53 (5.30)
21 (252)	50	180	2 5.1 (Oil) (3.3)	117—121	C ₁₇ H ₁₉ NO ₂	75.81	7.11	5.20
			3.3 (Cubes) (2.1)			(75.52)	(7.16)	(4.97)

a) For crystalline dibenzazocines or crystalline styphnates.

b) This is a neutral styphnate.

in the phenethyl group. Consistent with this, an attempt to cyclize N-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)-2-iodo- β -phenethylamine (35) by irradiation was unsuccessful.

Experimental

All melting points are given as uncorrected values. The spectrophotometers used were a Hitachi EPI-G2 model for infrared (IR) spectra, and a JEOL JNM-PS-100 model for NMR spectra using TMS as an internal standard. The abbreviations used are as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br, broad. Irradiation was carried out with a RIKO UVL-400H lamp placed 20 cm from the solution.

N-Acetyl-3,4-methylenedioxy- β -phenethylamine (29)—A mixture of 37 (12 g) and *n*-butylamine (23 g) was heated at 107° for 2 hr. The reaction mixture was concentrated to a residue, which was mixed with AcOH (12 ml) and CH₃NO₂ (9 ml). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hr to give yellow needles (15 g, 97.3%) of 3,4-methylenedioxy-(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (38), mp 156—157° (from ether) (lit.⁸⁾ mp 159°). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₉H₇NO₄: C, 55.95; H, 3.65; N, 7.25. Found: C, 55.89; H, 3.58; N, 7.36.

A solution of 38 (6.0 g) in tetrahydrofuran (THF) (140 ml) was slowly added to a suspension of LiAlH₄ (7.2 g) in THF (90 ml) at room temperature over a period of 40 min and then stirred for 3.5 hr. Working up in the usual way gave 28 (3.57 g, 69.0%) as an oil, which was crystallized as its hydrochloride, mp 204—206° (dec.). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₉H₁₁NO₂·HCl: C, 53.60; H, 5.99; N, 6.95. Found: C, 53.85; H, 6.10; N, 6.92.

Acetic anhydride (25 ml) and 28 (3.57 g) were heated at 60° for 1 hr. Concentration of the solution gave a solid, which was recrystallized from benzene as white needles (2.61 g, 58.2%) of 29, mp 100—101° (lit.⁹⁾ mp 108—109°). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₃NO₃: C, 63.75; H, 6.32; N, 6.76. Found: C, 63.70; H, 6.32; N, 6.65. IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$ cm⁻¹: 1620 (C=O). NMR (CDCl₃-D₂O) δ : 6.66 (3H, m, aromatic H), 5.93 (2H, s, OCH₂O), 5.64 (1H, br s, NHCO), 3.47 (2H, t, *J*=7 Hz, ArCH₂CH₂N), 2.75 (2H, t, *J*=7 Hz, ArCH₂CH₂N), 1.96 (3H, s, CH₃CO).

N-Acetyl-3,4-dimethoxy- β -phenethylamine (32)—The amide (32) was prepared in the same manner as 29: veratraldehyde (39) (5.02 g), *n*-butylamine (20.5 ml), AcOH (7.5 ml), and CH₃NO₂ (4.0 ml) were treated to give 3,4-dimethoxy(2-nitrovinyl)benzene (40) (5.82 g, 92.1%), mp 138—140° (from benzene) (lit.¹⁰⁾ mp 140°). *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₀H₁₁NO₄: C, 57.41; H, 5.30; N, 6.70. Found: C, 57.55; H, 5.26; N, 6.69.

Reduction of 40 (3.59 g) in THF (90 ml) with LiAlH₄ (5.2 g) in THF (30 ml) gave 3,4-dimethoxy- β -phenethylamine (41), (2.41 g, 77.6%) as an oil. Acetylation of 41 (2.41 g) with acetic anhydride (18 ml) gave 32 (1.72 g, 57.8%) as white cubes, mp 95—97° (from benzene) [lit. bp 213° (4 mmHg)].¹¹⁾ *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₂H₁₇NO₃: C, 64.55; H, 7.68; N, 6.27. Found: C, 64.32; H, 7.48; N, 6.04. IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$ cm⁻¹: 1630 (C=O).

N-Acetyl-4,5-dimethoxy-2-iodo- β -phenethylamine (31)—To a solution of 32 (404 mg) in DMSO (10 ml) were added iodine (2.266 g) and HgO (yellow) (1.851 g). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 hr, mixed with H₂O (30 ml), and then filtered. The filtrate was extracted with CHCl₃, and the extract was washed successively with 10% KOH, 10% Na₂S₂O₃, and then H₂O. Evaporation of the solvent gave

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TABLE VII. Iodophenethylamine Derivatives (30, 31, and 33)

Compd.	mp ^{a)} (°C)	Formula	Analysis (%)			IR $\nu_{\text{max}}^{\text{KBr}}$ cm ⁻¹ (C=O)	NMR (CDCl ₃ , δ) Aromatic H	OCH ₃ or OCH ₂ O	CH ₃ CO
			Calcd. (Found)						
			C	H	N				
30	158—	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ INO ₃	39.62	3.49	4.07	1640	7.23 (1H, s, C-3) 6.75 (1H, s, C-6)	5.96 (2H, s)	2.00 (3H, s)
	160		(39.66)	(3.63)	(4.20)				
31	110—	C ₁₂ H ₁₆ INO ₃	41.27	4.62	4.01	1630	7.20 (1H, s, C-3) 6.75 (1H, s, C-6)	3.84 (6H, s)	1.96 (3H, s)
	111		(41.03)	(4.49)	(3.72)				
33	107—	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ INO ₃	51.08	4.29	3.31	1635	6.76 and 6.56 (2/3 and 1/3 H, respectively, each s, C-6)	5.96 and 5.94 ^{b)}	2.08 and 2.04 (2H and 1H, respectively, each s)
	109		(50.85)	(4.28)	(3.18)				

a) All these compounds were recrystallized from benzene.

b) These singlets have 2H in total.

31 (433 mg, 68.4%) as white cubes, mp 110—111° (from benzene).

Iodination of 29 and 34 was carried out similarly, as shown in Table II. Physical and spectral data on the products (30, 31, and 33) are summarized in Table VII.

N-Benzyl-4,5-dimethoxy-2-iodo- β -phenethylamine (21)—The amide (31) (630 mg), 20% HCl (20 ml), and MeOH (20 ml) were refluxed for 17 hr. The solvent was evaporated off and the residue was made alkaline with 10% NaOH. The aqueous solution was extracted with ether. The extract was washed with H₂O, dried, and concentrated to give 524 mg (94.5%) of 27 as an oil. The amine (27) (524 mg) and 25 (3.15 g) were heated in a sealed tube at 110° for 9 hr. Concentration of the mixture gave a residue, which was dissolved in EtOH-CHCl₃ (3:2) (40 ml). To the solution NaBH₄ (853 mg) was added slowly over a period of 40 min at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 8 hr. Working up in the usual way gave 21 (420 mg) as an oil, which was converted to its hydrochloride (304 mg, 41.1%), mp 160—169° by addition of conc. HCl in acetone. Recrystallization of the crude material from acetone gave white cubes, mp 173—175°.

The other amines 18—20 and 35 were prepared similarly, as shown in Table I. Their physical and spectral data are summarized in Tables III and IV.

Hydrolysis of amide 30 (630 mg) with 20% HCl (17 ml)-MeOH (17 ml) gave the free base (477 mg, 86.6%) of 26 in a similar reaction to that for 27.

N-Acetyl-N-(3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl)- β -phenethylamine (34)—The hydrochloride [4.03 g, mp 230—233° (dec.)] of the amine (42) was prepared in 87.4% yield from 22 (2.23 g) and 37 (3.32 g) in a similar manner to 21. *Anal.* Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₇NO₂·HCl: C, 65.86; H, 6.22; N, 4.80. Found: C, 65.71; H, 6.20; N, 4.78. Acetylation of 42 [prepared from its hydrochloride (1.50 g)] with acetic anhydride (6 ml) at 60° gave 34 (1.44 g) as an oil, which was iodinated, as shown in Table II.

Photolysis of the Hydrochloride of N-(2-Iodo-4,5-methylenedioxybenzyl)- β -phenethylamine (18)—A solution of the hydrochloride (1.056 g) of 18 in H₂O (210 ml) was irradiated under N₂ with stirring at room temperature for 433 hr. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was made alkaline (pH 10.5) with Na₂CO₃ and extracted with ether. The red-brown oil (302 mg) obtained from the extract was submitted to preparative thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using Al₂O₃-[benzene-acetone (4:1)]. Elution of material of R_f 0.04—0.35 with CHCl₃-MeOH-acetone (1:1:1) gave 53 mg (8.3%) of the cyclization product (9) as a pale brown oil. The NMR spectrum of this material was identical with that of an authentic sample³⁾ of 9. This oily product (9), was crystallized as its neutral styphnate (see Table VI).

Photolysis of the hydrochlorides of 19, 20, and 21 were carried out similarly as shown in Table VI, and the products (1, 2, 9, and 10) were found to be identical with the corresponding authentic samples³⁾ by direct comparison.

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